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## A NEW TYPE OF FAMILY ASSOCIATION

In the year 1800 Jonah VanDerVoort and his wife Jane Tibbs were moving to the fabulous "West" from Orange Co., N. Y., when the flat boat on which their goods and chattels, as well as several of their twelve children, met with disaster and goods and children were of necessity piled out on the banks of the Ohio. While repairs were being made, Jonah explored the nearer lands, and decided the Northwest Territory was good enough for one Dutch family, and the result was that the whole family eventually settled in Clinton Co., Ohio where the many children grew up and also settled near their parents.

By the time the third generation of youngsters were of school age, the VanDerVoort family was self sufficient. They had organized the church of their belief, had their own singing school one school alone contained twenty four first cousins, and were a healthy, happy and, I suspect, a clannish bunch of relatives.

But when these children were matured, they too, began the Western movement, and some of the boys left Clinton, and many girls married and moved to Michigan and Indiana. My mother and her four sisters were among these, and as long as they lived, their thoughts turned toward "Antioch" and "Wilmington" for these spots were always "Home" to them.

About sixty five years ago, one of these sisters started a "Round Robin" letter. She sent it to another sister, telling her to enclose a letter and send it to another member of the family. Being a family of letter writers, they fell in line, and soon one complete family was included in the letter, now known as "The Big Letter" or the "Chronicle," of the tribe and at present, is comprised of twenty four families extending from New York to California, from Texas to the wilds of Minnesota. When the "charter members" passed on, some other member of the family took up her pen and at present, the third generation (from its inception) is doing most of the writing.

I believe this letter is the cause of my love for genealogy. From my early childhood I wanted to know who each member of the family was, and how related to me. There have been many, many charts of various family divisions sent in the letter, anecdotes, reminiscences, pictures, fish stories, tales of Old Antioch as it was before the war (Civil War). Most of us have at some time made a pilgrimage to the old burying ground where our fore fathers lie, and have worshipped in the little church organized by our great grandfather. I am sure that our interest in genealogy has been stimulated by our interest in the letter.

This Family Association has some advantages over the usual kind. No dues, no hiring of halls, never rained out, though it has been lost twice, but someone always starts it over. Its disadvantages are also many, the greatest is that we do not know each other excepting as figures on paper. We do not know each other's faces. Often we say things in the letter, politics especially, that we would not say face to face. Another advantage, or disadvantage, depending on whether you are a man or woman, is that we have no picnic lunch, and therefore have a chickenless, cakeless family reunion, which is often the "bait" that brings the family together.

Mrs. Margaret Williams (W 5)

## GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS

## RECORDS FROM FAMILY BIBLE OF ALONZO D. &amp; HELEN BALL FULLER

(Copied Oct. 30, 1938 by Mr. &amp; Mrs. George L. Austin)

CERTIFICATE:

This certifies that the Rite of Holy Matrimony was celebrated between Alonzo D. Fuller of Sand Stone, Michigan and Helen C. Ball of Eckford, Michigan on the 29th day of March, 1864, at Eckford, Michigan by D. D. Gillet, Minister of the Gospel.

Witness - Charles Ball and Wife.

BIRTHS:

Fred A. Fuller, Oct. 1, 1866

Charles A. Fuller, Sept. 11, 1868

BIRTHS OF FATHER & MOTHER OF ABOVE CHILDREN

Alonzo D. Fuller, January 31, 1835.

Helen C. Ball, Dec. 8, 1839.

CHILDREN OF FRED A. & JESSIE E. FULLER

Helen Catherine Fuller, Nov. 4, 1894.

Charles Anthony Fuller, Jan. 17, 1898.

MARRIAGES:

Fred A. Fuller, of Detroit, Michigan and  
Jessie E. Steinmetz, of Detroit, Michigan,  
on the 18th of September, 1893, at Detroit, Mich.

Daniel B. Fuller, of St. Joseph, Mo., and  
Eudora M. Aisquith, of St. Joseph, Mo.  
on January 31, 1893, at St. Joseph, Mo.

DEATHS:

Charles A. Fuller, Nov. 11, 1895

Helen C. Fuller, Mar. 29, 1912, died on her 48th anniversary

Alonzo D. Fuller, Feb. 5, 1914.

The following data was copied from a loose sheet of writing paper found in the Fuller Bible in pencil, evidently by an elderly person:

BIRTHS

Charles C. P. Ball, Aug. 10, 1808

Maranda Ball, Dec. 17, 1811

James Ball, July 14, 1833

Mary Jane Ball, July 4, 1835

Louisa Ball, March 27, 1837

Helen C. Ball, Dec. 8, 1838.

Wesley Ball, June 3, 1843

Orin Ball, April 7, 1845

Charles E. Ball, Apr. 6, 1851

Charles Corbet Ball, June 15, 1853

Rosalie F. Ball, July 7, 1860

Carrie Electa Ball, Jan. 15, 1862

DEATHS

C. C. P. Ball, Mar. 11, 1866

Maranda Ball, Apr. 16, 1851

Charles E. Ball, Aug. 27, 1851

Louisa Smith, Feb. 20, 1885

Orin Ball, May 27, 1885

Wesley Ball, Nov. 7, 1895



BIBLE RECORDS CONTRIBUTED BY MRS. DANIELS OF THE GENEALOGY SOCIETY  
TAKEN FROM ONE OF HER FAMILY BIBLES

Exact copy of names and births as taken from the Family Bible of Mary Palmer Carr & Levi Moses Wright. The bible is at this time in the possession of Mr. Ellis Chapman (Aug. 31, 1938) Westfield, R.D. N. Y. They were read and noted by Chas. S. & Lottie B. Wright, also daughter Audrey Wright.

Mrs. Daniels thinks the handwriting is all that of her grandfather Wright's. The Bible was published in 1801 by I. Thomas & E. T. Andres, Boston. The Bible is small about 4 inches by 8 inches in length and three or  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in thickness. It shows considerable wear and age, the ink being somewhat faded. On a leaf in the middle of the Bible are children of Joseph and Sally A. Wright.

- 1 - Joseph b. Jan. 28, 1803, d. Jan. - 1821
- 2 - Mary W. b. Feb. 29, 1804
- 3 - Matilda b. May 26, 1807
- 4 - Levi M. b. Sept. 24, 1809
- 5 - Milessa b. Dec. 26, 1811
- 6 - Sally Ann b. July 10, 1814
- 7 - Stephen B b. Jan. 31, 1818

On leaf in the back of the Bible, both sides, gives the names of the children of Mary Carr b. Aug. 5, 1818 & Levi M. Wright, b. Sept. 24, 1809.

- 1 - James Richard b. Apr. 2, 1832
- 2 - Arvilla Paulyna b. Aug. 12, 1833
- 3 - Polly Harriet b. Feb. 8, 1836
- 4 - Andrew Joseph b. May 9, 1838
- 5 - Sally Ann b. June 8, 1840
- 6 - Lucretia Malvinab. Apr. 5, 1842
- 7 - Serilous Levi b. Jan. 28, 1844; Sunday; d. 17 yrs, 7 mo. 7 da.  
(paper clippings)
- 8 - Serilla Mary b. Jan. 28, 1844
- 9 - Lillie Giltissa b. Feb. 18, 1849
- 10 - Clarinda Louise b. July 6, 1851

In the Pine Valley Cemetery located about 3 miles from Bear Lake, Pa., we found the following:-

On the Levi M. Wright lot

Levi M. Wright	Mariah	Serilous	Lucretia
Sept. 24, 1809	wife of	Wright	Graves
Mar. 13, 1896	L. M. Wright		
	Aug. 5, 1808	The above two broken & damaged.	
	Sept. 24, 1881		

On the Stephen B. Wright Lot there is a grey monument with the following:

Stephen B. Wright	C. Martha Wright	Small stone	Sally A.	Sally A. Jinney
Jan. 31, 1818	Mar. 26, 1822	Joseph B.	wife of	da. of Sally &
Mar. 28, 1898	Jan. 25, 1909	son of S. B.	J. Wright	Joseph Wright
		& C. M. W.	d. Dec. 18,	d. July 8, 1871
		d. Oct. 16,	1841	age 60 yrs.
		1857	age 66 yrs.	
		age 3 yrs.	3 m. 18 da.	

There was a vacant space between Joseph B. (son) & Sally A. (wife) and we believe that Joseph Wright was buried there. Only a marker J. W.

## ANOTHER STORY FOR THE CHILDREN

By Helen Mead Burget

You remember the little Prussian boy, Frederick Croul, who was kidnapped in Holland and "bound out" to the tailor in New York City?

Today I am going to tell you about his little granddaughter Polly Croul who was born Sept. 11, 1792 in a log house on her grandfather Frederick's farm in the Mohawk Valley, N. Y. Her earliest recollection was, when about two years old, of a week spent at Balston Springs near Saratoga, N. Y. with her mother and an aunt who went to get some benefit from the springs.

The houses were all of logs, also the bath houses and they contained troughs hewn out of huge logs for the people to bathe in. Little Polly learned to love lying in a trough of warm mineral water, watching the sick people take their baths.

When quite a little girl, Polly was sent to school to learn to sew. She became so apt with her needle, she was excused from other house work, and devoted all her time to the family sewing.

The men folks then wore fine white shirts all ruffled down the front and with fine ruffles at the wrists. One day Polly was sitting in the cornfields sewing on the fourth shirt she had been making, when it began to get dark. She thought, "What can be the matter? My needle trembles in my hand!" The chickens cackled and ran to their roosts, and Polly thought the "End of the World" had come. She ran to her room, knelt down and prayed.

Soon the men came in and relieved her fears by telling her it was an eclipse of the sun. The darkness continued about an hour and was so intense, the stars could be seen as brightly as on a dark night.

This was the eclipse of 1806, when Polly was fourteen years of age. Another eclipse occurred in 1780 and was known as The Dark Day.

Polly lived to be ninety-eight years old, beloved by all who knew her and lies by the side of her husband Dr. Lewis Carlisle in the little cemetery at Waterford, between Plymouth and Northville, Michigan.

"There is no better heritage than a good name that a father can bequeath to his children; nor is there in a family any richer heirloom than the memory of a noble ancestor."

James Hamilton

"A people which takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything to be remembered with pride by remote descendants."

Lord Macauley

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CHARLES CHRISTOPHER TROWBRIDGE

(Continued)

By Beulah Puffer Kresge

(From "The Gazette" - Friday, Sept. 1820)

### EXPLORING EXPEDITION

Last Friday evening, Governor Cass arrived here from Chicago, accompanied by Lieut. M'Kay and Mr. R. A. Forsyth, both of whom belonged to the expedition -- all in good health.

We understand that the objects of the expedition have been successfully accomplished. The party has traversed four thousand miles of the frontier since the last of May. Their route was from this place to Michillimackinac, and to the Saut of St. Mary's, where a treaty was concluded with the Chippaways, for the cession of a tract of land, with a view to the establishment of a military post. They thence coasted the southern shore of Lake Superior to the Fond du Lac, ascended the St. Louis River to one of its sources and descended a small tributary stream of Sandy Lake to the Mississippi. They then ascended this latter river to the upper Red Cedar Lake, which may be considered as the principal source of the Mississippi, and which is the reservoir where the small streams forming that river unite. From this Lake they descended between thirteen and fourteen hundred miles to Prairie du Chien, passing by the post of St. Peter's on the route. They then navigated the Quisconsin to the portage, entered the Fox River, and descended it to Green Bay. Then the party separated in order to obtain a correct topographical sketch of Lake Michigan. Some of them coasted the northern shore to Michillimackinac, and the others took the route by Chicago. From this point they will traverse the eastern shore of the Lake to Michillimackinac and may be expected here in the course of a week. Gov. Cass returned from Chicago by land. A correct topographical delineation of this extensive frontier may now be expected from the accurate observations of Capt. Douglass who is fully competent to perform the task. We have heretofore remained in ignorance upon this subject and very little has been added to the stock of geographical knowledge, since the French possessed the country. We understand that all the existing maps are found to be very erroneous. The character numbers, situation and feelings of the Indians' regions have been fully explored and we trust that much valuable information upon these subjects will be communicated to the government and to the public. We learn that the Indians are peaceable, but that the effect of the immense distribution of presents to them by the British authorities at Malden, and at Drummond's Island, has been evident upon their wishes and feelings through the whole route. Upon the establishment of our posts, and the judicious distribution of our small military force must we rely, and not upon the disposition of the Indians. The important points of the country are now almost all occupied by our troops, and these points have been selected with great judgment. It is thought by the party, that the erection of a military work at the Saut, is essential to our security in that quarter. It is the key of Lake Superior, and the Indians in its vicinity are more disaffected than any others upon the route. Their daily intercourse with Drummond's Island leaves us no reason to doubt what are the means by which their feelings are excited and continued. The importance of this site, in a military point of view, has not escaped the observation of Mr. Calhoun, and it was for this purpose that a treaty was directed to be held. The report which he made to the House of Representatives in January last, contains his views upon the subject.

We cannot but hope that no reduction will be made in the ranks of the army. It is by physical force alone, and by a proper display of it, that we must expect to keep within reasonable bounds, the ardent, restless and discontented savages, by

whom this whole country is filled and surrounded. Few persons living at a distance are aware of the means which aroused, and too successfully used by the British agents, to embitter the minds of the Indians and preserve such an influence over them as will ensure their co-operation, in the event of any future difficulties. A post at the Fond du Lac will, before long, be necessary and it is now proper that one should be established at the portage between the Fox and Quisconsin rivers.

Mr. Schoolcraft has examined the geological structure of the country, and has explored as far as practicable its mineralogical treasures. We are happy to learn that this department could not have been confided to one more able or zealous to effect the objects connected with it. Extensive collections, illustrating the natural history of the country, have been made, and will add to the common stock of American science.

We understand that copper, iron and lead are very abundant through the whole country, and that the great mass of copper upon the Outonagan river has been fully examined. Upon this as well as upon other subjects, we hope we shall, in a few days be able to communicate more detailed information.

NOTE: Mr. Trowbridge did not accompany Gov. Cass to Chicago, but as Mr. Schoolcraft tells us in his Journal of Aug. 22nd, "We parted from Mr. Trowbridge at the mouth of the Fox River."

From "The Gazette" - Sept. 29, 1820

Capt. Douglass, Mr. Schoolcraft, and the other gentlemen that accompanied Gov. Cass on his late exploring expedition, returned to this place last Saturday by the way of Mackinac. We are warranted in promising to our readers some interesting information relative to the portion of country visited by these gentlemen, and feel much pleasure in announcing to the citizens of Detroit, that measures are about to be taken which will secure to them the possession of specimens of all the mineralogical and other curiosities which the exploring party thought proper to preserve.

NOTE: Charles Christopher Trowbridge kept a Journal of this Expedition, a copy of which may be found in the reserved section of the Burton Historical Section

There were four serious epidemics of cholera in the city of Detroit within twenty two years the second occurring in the summer of 1834, when Mr. Trowbridge held the office of Mayor

George Bryan Porter, Governor of the Territory, is thought to have been one of the earliest victims. After an illness of only three days he died on the morning of July sixth and was buried in the afternoon of the following day, not on the same day, as one historian has it.

The Detroit Courier, a weekly newspaper, emphatically denied the presence of cholera, attributing the cause of so many deaths to exposure to the sun and the drinking of cold water. The weather had been unusually warm, the thermometer registering 90 to 100 degrees in the shade during the last week in July, and there had been no rain to relieve the intense heat.

In the issue of the Courier for July 30th this statement appeared.

"We are utterly at a loss to account for the origin of the absurd stories which have reached us from abroad, relative to the health of our citizens and the existence of Cholera in Detroit. Not only is there no shadow of foundation

for the latter reports, but it has been a subject of frequent remark that the city has been uncommonly exempt thus far from the prevailing complaints of the season, as may also be seen by a reference to the weekly bills of mortality. We cannot learn that a single case has occurred during the spring or summer in which any symptoms even of an approximation to Asiatic Cholera have been detected."

But deaths kept increasing and many members of Detroit's prominent families were victims, among them General Larned, Dr. Stephen C. Henry, the wives of B F H. Witherell, Col. John Winder, A. C. McGraw, John Owen, and many others. The associate editor of the Courier, Ebenezer S. B. Canning, native of Gill, Mass. died of the cholera on August ninth, and in the next issue of the Courier, August 13th, appeared the first acknowledgment of the presence of cholera in the city.

What a dismal aspect the city must have presented during those trying times! Quoting from "Landmarks of Wayne County", we find that "during the progress of the cholera, the streets became grass-grown and apparently deserted, and it was a silent, plague-stricken city". The port was quarantined and no vessels were allowed to arrive or depart. Barrels of pitch and tar were blazing night and day on the docks, at or near the foot of Woodward Avenue, and at the corners of the principal streets. Guards prevented all persons from entering or leaving the city without a permit. The tolling of the church bells was so frequent that it was suspended, because, as Zachariah Chandler remarked, 'The living must have some sleep'.

During the visitation nearly all the United States and City Officials left town with their families, but Mayor C. C. Trowbridge fearlessly held his post and personally superintended all official measures of needed relief.

There were many false rumors in regard to the number of deaths, so that finally the city authorities employed Mr. A. E. Hathon to visit all homes in the corporation of the city of Detroit, to ascertain the exact number of deaths in the month of August. He found that 222 persons were victims of the cholera and 57 of other diseases which appeared as a sworn statement in the newspapers.

Included in Mr. Trowbridge's "Reminiscences" as told to a representative of the "News" in 1880, are his recollections of those dreadful days. He spoke highly of Rev. Father Kundig and the band of young men who were unceasing in their ministrations to the sufferers, but of his own part he had little to say. He did, however, give us some idea of the catastrophe through the following:

"The streets were filled with hearses and carts conveying the dead to the cemetery. The five acre graveyard, on the ground now occupied by Clinton Square on Beaubien Street purchased by the city in the belief that it was so distant that it would never be encroached upon and so large that generations would be required to fill it - proved to be too small to hold all the victims and it was abandoned for the Russell Street Cemetery, which was in time abandoned in 1847 when the Elmwood Cemetery was established."

Relative to Mr. Trowbridge's statement, the following item from the Detroit Courier of Aug. 13th, 1834 is of interest

"Mr. Friend Palmer was the first person interred in the Protestant Burying Ground, about eight years since. Those who attended his funeral, probably thought they would scarcely live to see that ground filled up, but those who recently followed the bier of the late Mrs. Witherell - a connexion of

Mr. Palmer's family -- to the same place, must have seen how far behind the march of death are all our calculations."

NOTE: There were many burials in this cemetery of victims of the cholera, living in the territory surrounding Detroit.

The final act of respect to the memory of Charles C. Trowbridge was a service held by the Trowbridge Club of Christ Church, in the building erected to his memory in the rear of the Church. This occasion celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of his birth -- December 29, 1900.

Genealogical material concerning the descendants of Charles C. Trowbridge will appear in an early issue of this Magazine -- Beulah Puffer Kresge  
(To be continued)

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Genealogical Section, BOSTON TRANSCRIPT, October 15, 1938

#### Disestablished Townships

(7830) What becomes of the vital records and church records of disestablished townships such as Enfield, Greenwich, and Dana, Mass., or Glastenbury and Somerset, Vt. Where may such records now be seen? -- W.C.S.W.

7830. W.C.S.W., Oct. 15, 1938:

October 26, 1938

All records of Disestablished Vermont towns are filed with the County Clerk of the County in which the town was situated, those of Glastenbury at Bennington, and those of Somerset at Newfane. However, the vital records are best examined at the office of the Secretary of State at Montpelier, where duplicates of birth, marriage, death and cemetery records are filed.

Somerset may have had a church and church records. I feel sure Glastenbury never did, as the only real settlement in that township, was in the northwest portion near Shaftsbury, of which community, for all practical purposes, this settlement was a part. Glastenbury was organized as a township in 1834 and had no earlier public records. -- H.B.W.B.

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A recent news item in a Wisconsin paper gave the information that plans for a Genealogical Society in the state of Wisconsin were made at a meeting of the Historical Society in October. A committee of members, representing the larger towns, was appointed to form plans for this Society. Gilbert H. Doane, Director of University of Wisconsin Libraries and author of a recent book, expressed hope that the organization would succeed and that a State Genealogical Journal might be published in the near future.

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Mr. Charles R. Hale of Hartford, Connecticut, has a collection of headstone inscriptions, which covers all cemeteries, both public and private in the State of Connecticut. These were acquired through the assistance of the Sons of Veterans and the Connecticut State Library.

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"I am one of those who hold to the safety which flows from honest ancestors and the purity of blood." -- Henry Clay.



## MICHIGAN SOURCE MATERIAL

From Reports of the W.P.A. Historical Survey  
made in Michigan during 1936 and 1937

Bible and Family Records of Michigan Families are to be found as indicated in the following:

ADAMS	-	Record of Adams Family (Related to John Quincy Adams) Mrs. Helen F. Horton, 402 Green St., Dowagiac, Mich.
ALDRICH	-	Record of Jasper Aldrich Family (1849-1924) Mrs. George Tuesley, PFD#2 - Niles, Mich.
ALLEN	-	Genealogy of Joseph Allen Family (1803-1936) Mrs. James Wilson, PFD#3, Cassopolis, Mich.
APTED	-	The Apted Family (1836-1879) Miss Sarah Apted, PFD#4, Cassopolis, Mich.
BAKER	-	Bible Records of Henry & Mary Baker Weaver Miss Leona Heck, 118 S. Lowe St., Dowagiac, Mich.
BALL	-	Genealogy of Ball Family. Mrs. Chas. Dine, Louise St., Dowagiac, Mich.
BATES	-	Family History of William Bates (1183-1832) Mrs. D. Neff, 304 Park Place, Dowagiac, Mich.
BEDFORD	-	Bible Records - George Bedford from England, 1835. Mrs. Edith Garrett, 106 Walnut St., Dowagiac, Mich.
BENEDICT	-	Records of Timothy Benedict Family Mr. Berne Benedict, PFD#5, Cassopolis, Mich.
BERKEY	-	Bible Records of Joshua Berkey Family Mr. Wm. Berkey, c/o "The Vigilant", Cassopolis, Mich.
BLISH	-	Genealogy of Blish (or Blush) Family (1637) Mrs. Charles Johnson, 530 Main St., Dowagiac, Mich.
BOND	-	Record of the Bond Family Mrs. Warren Anthony, 310 New York Ave., Dowagiac, Mich.
BONINE	-	Bonine Genealogy back to 1296. Miss Clara Bonine, Vandalia, Mich.
BOWNE	-	Bible Records of Jones & Bowne Family Mrs. George Jones, 409 South St., Cassopolis, Mich.
BROWN	-	Bible Record of George A. Brown & Stella Perry and D J Brown Mrs. Ray Brown, Edwardsburg, Mich.
BURDUE	-	Record of the Burdue (or Bordaue) Family Mrs. Henry Rosewarne, PFD#2, Niles, Mich.
CARRINGTON-	-	Bible Records of Fletcher Carrington (1700-1925) Mrs. Chas. Treadwell, Main St. Ceresco, Mich.
CHAPMAN	-	Records of Wm. & Catherine Colter Chapman Family
COLTER	-	Miss Leona Heck, 118 S. Lowe St., Dowagiac, Mich.
COLE-CASE	-	Cole-Case Families (1832 1936) Mr. Elmer Case, Norwell, Jackson Co., Mich.
CRAWFORD	-	Bible Record - Margaret Ann Crawford. Miss Jessie Rickert, 124 Second St., Cassopolis, Mich.
CUMMINS	-	Bible Record of Madison Cummins Family. Mrs. Clarence Walker, 322 Broadway, Cassopolis, Mich.
CUTHBERT	-	Bible Record of Cuthbert Family Isaac Pollins, PFD#2, Cassopolis, Mich.
CURTIS	-	Bible Record of Salisbury Curtis (1824-1884) " " " John & Rebecca O'Dell Curtis (1824-1911) Miss Vesta Pollock, 121 S. O'Keefe St., Cassopolis, Mich.

- DARLING - Bible Records of Sherwood Darling Family  
Mrs. Harvey Sherman, 110 Jefferson St., Cassopolis
- DARLINGTON - Genealogy of Darlington Family, compiled by Gilbert Cope.  
Mrs. Russell Joy, 308 South St., Cassopolis, Mich.
- DE COU - Genealogy of Lamen DeCou (1663) Family, or DeCon  
Mr. Berne Benedict, RFD#5, Cassopolis, Mich.
- DUTTON - The Dutton - Simpson - Reattior Families (1806-1928)  
Mrs. Elnora Reattior, Page Av., Rd., Jackson, Mich.
- DYER - Bible Record of Dyer Family - (Michigan 1835)  
Mrs. Arthur Dyer, RFD, Jones, Mich.
- EAST - Sketch of the East Family  
Mrs. Harry East, RFD#1, Vandalia, Mich.
- EBERHARD - Record of Eberhard Family (Mich. 1836)  
Mrs. S. F. Skinner, Jones, Mich.
- EBY - Bible Record of Gabriel Eby Family.  
Mr. U. S. Eby, Cassopolis, Mich.
- EDDY - Bible Record of Jacob Eddy & Achsah Paxton Family.  
Mrs. George Jones, 409 South St., Cassopolis, Mich.
- EMMONS - Biography of James Emmons (a Revolutionary Soldier)  
Mrs. Frank Powell, RFD#3, Dowagiac, Mich.
- EVERARD - Bible Records of Everard-Smith Family (1825-1904)  
Mrs. Luella Nichols, Jones, Mich.
- FAXON - Record of the Faxon Family.  
Mrs. Warren Anthony, 310 New York Ave., Dowagiac, Mich.
- FEALS - Record of Alexander Feals (1757-1860)  
Mr. George Feals, 41 Magnolia St., Battle Creek, Mich.
- FEATHERS - Bible Record of G. R. Feathers & Emily Smith  
Mrs. Harvey Sherman, 110 Jefferson St., Cassopolis, Mich.
- FOSDICK - Fosdick-Hall Family Bible (1813-1904)  
Mrs. Fred Churchill, RD#3, Decatur, Mich.
- GARRETT - Genealogy of Garrett & Orr Families  
Mrs. John Kauffman, 113 James St., Dowagiac, Mich.
- GOODENOUGH - Genealogy of the Goodenough Family  
Mr. Ralph Goodenough, 127 N. O'Keefe St., Cassopolis, Mich.
- GOODYEAR - Family Record of Goodyear Family.  
Mr. John Goodyear, Hastings, Mich.
- GREEN - Genealogy of Green Family (Gen. Nathaniel Green)  
Miss Nellie Rudd, 222 S. O'Keefe St., Cassopolis, Mich.
- HARDENBROOK - Genealogy of Hardenbrook-Wright-Schurte Families  
Miss Ayalia Ferrel, Cheeseboro St., Dowagiac, Mich.
- HICE - Bible Record of John Hice Family (1817-1912)  
Miss Vesta Pollock, 121 S. O'Keefe St., Cassopolis, Mich.
- HICKOK - Bible Records of Hickok-Brackett Family (1786-1882)  
Mrs. Mary Brackett, 210 Capitol Ave., Bellevue, Mich.
- HIGGINS - Record of Higgins Family  
Mr. J. P. Higgins, Cassopolis, Mich.
- HOPKINS - Genealogy of Hopkins Family (Compiled by John Hopkins, Cambridge)  
Mrs. Robert Haden, 413 E. State St., Cassopolis, Mich.
- HUFF - Bible Records of Peter Wells & Huff Families  
Mrs. Nora Hedges, Dowagiac, Mich.  
Bible Record of Abram and Mary Huff Family  
Mrs. Eva Fletcher, 207 Courtland St., Dowagiac, Mich.
- HUGHEL - Genealogy of Hughel and Lowman Families  
Mrs. Floyd Robinson, 203 South St., Cassopolis, Mich.
- JONES - Bible Record of John N. Jones Family.



THE MERRILL FAMILY

A BRIEF OUTLINE

OF ONE DIRECT LINE

OF MERRILL FAMILY DESCENT

A preview of the large collection of family  
ancestral records that are now in the process  
of preparation for THE MERRILL FAMILY HISTORY.

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Commemorating And Celebrating The Three-Hundredth  
Anniversary Of The First Mention Of Nathaniel Merrill In  
The American Records.

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During the past several years a considerable portion of my leisure time has been devoted to Ancestor Hunting, and, although a great deal of data has been collected, the search still goes on and will undoubtedly continue until the writer has completed a satisfactory biographical and historical account of each generation of the family line, including the maternal ancestors.

But realizing that 1938 marks the three hundredth anniversary of the first mention of Nathaniel Merrill, the Emigrant Progenitor, in the American records, I have decided to celebrate the memorable occasion by outlining this brief description of the lineal ancestry of my branch of the Merrill family.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lot Augustus Merrill

## EARLY MERRILL FAMILY RECORDS

The Merrills are said to be of Anglo-Norman descent, and the name Merrill is supposed to have originated in the French-speaking Cantons of Switzerland, - several centuries ago, where they took their title from the Forests of Merles. In its original form "Merle or Merel," still prevalent in Switzerland, the name signifies blackbird. In the French nobility the name usually appears as deMerle or deMerel, and the name was possibly perpetuated by the village of Merle in Aisne, France. In England the name ultimately was anglicized to Merrell or Merrill.

The Merrills were knighted in both France and England. On the early French shields the picture of the blackbird usually appears, and later, in France and England and in New England, the picture of the peacocks' heads were used on the family coat of arms.

From French deMerel, of Auvergne, 1550. Arms - Sanguine, a chief, or a potence argent between two fleurs-de lys-sable. Crest - A peacocks' head erased. Motto, "Vincit qui patitur" (He conquers who endures.).

The family coat of arms is published in the American Heraldry, and is as follows: The field is of silver, the bar blue and the peacock's head green and gold, the crest is also a peacock's head. In Burk's "General Armory" the peacock's head is accredited to the name in England, but the coat-of-arms is not always the same, though using the same crest.

The coat of arms, which is in general use by the family in America, and which was used on a deed A. D. 1726 by Thomas Merrill of Salisbury, Massachusetts, grandson of the American pioneer, and is between three peacock's heads erased proper. "This being interpreted, signifies that the peacocks' heads are in their natural colors and torn off roughly at the neck." Crest: A peacock's head erased proper. Motto: "Per aspera ad astra." (Through the hardships to the stars.)

Nathaniel Merrill, the American progenitor of most of the Merrill families in the United States, is first mentioned in the New England records when, in Newbury, Massachusetts, May 5, 1638, he was granted four acres of land "next" to his brother John. John Merrill, who had no sons, was a proprietor of Ipswich as early as 1636, and of Newbury the same year.

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(1)

JOHNIS MERIELL of Wherstead, Suffolk County, England, made his Will in December 1528, mentions "Thomas Belchm my brother in lawe", wife Anne (Anne Belchm), and four children, namely:

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|-------------|------------|
| 1 JOHN (1), | 3 JULIAN,  |
| 2 JOHN (2), | 4 ELEANOR. |

Note the two Johns among these children. John (1) was of age and named as one of the executors of the will. John (2) was probably a minor and received money for his education.

(2)

JOHNIS MERYELL of Wherstead, England, made his will December 13, 1551, mentions wife Katherine and ten children, namely:

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|-------------|--------------|
| 1 JOHN (1), | 6 MARY,      |
| 2 WILLIAM,  | 7 MARGAPET,  |
| 3 MICHAEL,  | 8 ALICE,     |
| 4 THOMAS,   | 9 KATHERINE, |
| 5 JOHN (2), | 10 AGNES     |

Here also is mentioned "my oldest son John" and "my youngest son John." John (1) was named as one of the Executors, and John (2) was named one of the supervisors of the will, which would indicate that they were both of age.

(3)

JOHNIS MERPELL of Wherstead, made his will December 2, 1600. His wife Prudence was buried December 22, 1609. They were the parents of at least four sons, namely:

1. NATHANIEL, b. ; mentioned later
2. THOMAS, b. ; m. July 15, 1595, Rose Rearson or Pearson. They were married in Wherstead and had two children in 1600 when his father Johnis Merrell made his will (Thomas and Anne). There were also two daughters baptized at Wherstead.

Issue:	THOMAS,	ROSE, bap. 23 Aug. 1602,
	ANNE,	ELIZABETH, bap. 29 Mar. 1605.

3. JOHN, b. ; m. Belstead, Dec. 29, 1601, Susan Plumley.  
Child MARY, bap. at Belstead, Oct. 10, 1602.

4. MICHAEL, b. ; m. "B", Mch. 7, 1602/3, Margaret Scrivener; he bur. "B" Aug. 20, 1616. She died after husband. They lived in Belstead. Adm. granted to widow Margaret. Children baptized at Belstead, namely:

1. ELIZABETH, bap. 9 Apr. 1604.
2. FRANCIS, bap. 4 Aug. 1605.
3. MICHAEL, bap. 19 Apr. 1607.
4. JOHN, bap. 19 Feb. 1608/9.
5. WILLIAM, bap. 10 Mar. 1610/11; m. Ann Bond, 3 July 1637.
6. ANNA, bap. 10 Sept. 1615.

(4)

NATHANIEL MERPELL of Wherstead, son of John, buried Mch 17, 1626/7; married

Feb'y 27, 1592/3, Mary Blacksoil, she buried May 1, 1624. Eight children are credited to this family, namely: All born at Wherstead, Eng.:

1 DAUGHTER, b. , bur Jan'y 21, 1593/4

2 MARY, bap. Feb'y 23, 1594/5 (dup. Marie)

3 MARTHA, bap. Sept. 1, 1596

4. FRANCES, bap. 1598, bur Aug. 1, 1598

5 JOHN, bap Aug 16, 1599, m. Elizabeth, he d. in Newbury, Massachusetts, Sept 12, 1673, age 74, she d. July 14, 1662. John Merrill was a proprietor of Ipswich, Mass. as early as 1636 and of Newbury, Mass. the same year. He had an only child HANNA MERRILL, who was probably born in England and died in Newbury, Mass., Apr. 4, 1662. She married May 24, 1647, Stephen Sweet, and had issue, Sweet (See Coffin's Hist. of Newbury, Mass., p. 319.)

6 NATHANIEL, bap. May 4, 1601; m. ; mentioned later

7. MICHAEL, bap Apr 3, 1603.

8 THOMAS perhaps

The Thomas Merrill who had a son Thomas baptized at Hartford, Conn. in 1646 may belong among these children.

John and his brother Nathaniel Merrill moved to New England and settled in Newbury, Mass.

(5)

THE IMMIGRANT

NATHANIEL (1) MERRILL, son of Nathaniel, born in Wherstead, England, May 1, 1601 and died in Newbury, Massachusetts, Mch 16, 1654/5, age 54, married about 1633, Susanna Wolterton, daughter of Stephen and Susanna Wolterton, who died in Newbury, Jan'y 25, 1672/3. Nathaniel Merrill is first mentioned in the New England records where, in Newbury, Mass., in 1638, he was granted a house lot "next to his brother John". Nathaniel Merrill left a will. His widow married secondly, the widower, Stephen Jordan, of Ipswich and Newbury, who died February 8, 1669/70, and left her a widow for the second time. The children of Nathaniel and Susanna (Wolterton) Merrill were born undoubtedly in the following order, namely:

1 NATHANIEL, b. about 1634, m. Joanna Kinney, 7 ch.

2 DEA JOHN, b. about 1636, m. Sarah Watson, res. in Hartford (Ct.), 10 ch.

3 DEA ABRAHAM, b. about 1637; m. Abigail Webster and Sarah (Rolandson)

Bond; res. Newbury; 12 ch.

4. SUSANNA, b. 1640; m. John Burbank, Jr.; 4 ch.

5 SERGT. DANIEL, b. August 20 (26), 1642/44, m. Sarah Clough and Sarah Morrill, mentioned later.

6 ABEL, b. February 20, 1644/46; m. Priscilla Chase; 8 ch. His son Thomas Merrill of Salisbury, Mass., is credited with having used the coat-of-arms which accompanies this report.

(6)

SERG. DANIEL (2) MERRILL, son of Nathaniel, born in Newbury, Mass., Aug. 20 (26) 1642/44; married May 14, 1667, Sarah Clough, daughter of John and Jane Clough, born June 10, 1646 and died March 18, 1705/6; he married secondly, in Salisbury, Mass., May 29, 1708, Sarah Morrill, daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Clement) Morrill and a widow of, first, Phillip Rowell, the son of Valentine Rowell, born March 8, 1647/8, married January 5, 1670, and killed by Indians July 7, 1690. She was secondly a widow of Onesiphorus Page whom she married July 31, 1695. Sergt. Daniel Merrill was a carpenter and farmer, and he was very active in the military affairs of Newbury in 1675-78, etc.; he lived in Newbury and Salisbury, Massachusetts, and died June 27, 1717. His second wife died in Salisbury, Sept. 11, 1731, age 81 yrs. Seven children, namely: All born in Newbury:

1. DANIEL, Jr. b. Mar. 8 (15), 1671/2; m. Esther Chase.

2. JOHN, b. Oct. 7, 1674; m. Mary Allin.

3. SARAH, b. Oct. 15, 1677; m. William Morse.
4. RUTH, b. Feb. 7, 1680; m. Onesiphorus Page.
5. MOSES, (twin), b. Sept. 3, 1683; Mentioned later.
6. MARTHA (twin), b. Sept. 3, 1683; m. John True.
7. STEPHEN, b. Sept. 6, 1688; m. Dorothy Straw and Mary Carr, 7 ch.

## (7)

DEACON MOSES (3) MERRILL, son of Daniel, twin of Martha, b. Sept. 3, 1683, married his cousin Mary Clough, daughter of John and Mercy (Page) Clough, born April 8, 1677 and died December 15, 1760. Moses Merrill was a farmer and he owned a part interest in a cider mill and dock. He died at Salisbury, Mass., Jan. 17, 1756. In his will he made the following bequeath: "I will to my son Benjamin L5 if he be alive and come again." He was possibly the "Capt. Benjamin Merrill," father of ten children, who was hanged by the British Tories in 1771, at Hillstoro, North Carolina. The children of Deacon Moses Merrill were the town builders of New Gloucester District of Maine. In the inchoate beginning of that new town, his sons Samuel, Moses and Daniel Merrill were among the first to be elected to offices of the township, November 27, 1763. Moses and Mary (Clough) Merrill were the parents of ten children, all born in Salisbury, Massachusetts, namely:

1. APFHIA, b. Dec. 25, 1704, m. Ebenezer Collins.
2. SARAH, b. Apr. 7, 1706, m. Capt. Thomas Bradbury.
3. MOSES, b. Dec. 28, 1707, m. Sarah True.
4. MARY, b. Dec. 25, 1709.
5. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 23, 1711, m. Ann Evins.
6. MERCY, b. Nov. 4, 1713, m. Samuel Clark of Hampton.
7. BETTY, b. Nov. 18, 1715, m. Humphrey Merrill of Fal.
8. JACOB, b. Sept. 25, 1719, d. May 25, 1721.
9. BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 16, 1720/21.
10. DANIEL, b. Apr. 27, 1723, Mentioned later.

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DEACON DANIEL (4) MERRILL, son of Moses, born in Salisbury, Mass. Apr. 27, 1723; married int., April 20, 1744, Elizabeth Clough, 1726-1789. He removed to New Gloucester in 1762. His sons Elias and Levi were early settlers (1778) in Sylvester, Canada, now called Turner, Maine. Previous to the building of the first meeting house in 1782, Deacon Daniel Merrill usually conducted the religious services in Turner Town. He died in New Gloucester, August 19, 1809, age 86. The first nine children of Daniel and Elizabeth (Clough) Merrill were born in Salisbury, Mass., namely:

1. JOSEPH, b. Nov. 6, 1744, m. Elizabeth True.
2. RHODA, b. Jan. 22, 1746, m. Dea. Benjamin True.
3. BENJAMIN, b. Mar. 18, 1742, d. unm.
4. ELIAS, b. Feb. 1 (2), 1750, m. Rhoda True.
5. JABEZ, b. June 25, 1753, m. Hannah Sawyer.
6. MOSES, b. Jan. 15, 1758, d. young.
7. LEVI, b. Jan. 29, 1759, Mentioned later.
8. MOSES, b. Sept. , 1760; d. unm.
9. DANIEL, b. Dec. 14, 1762; d. young.
10. ANNA, b. New Gloucester, Nov. 28, 1764, m. Ichabod Bonney, Jr.; 7 ch.
11. DANIEL, b. " , Apr. 20, 1767, m. Aug. 11, 1790.

Clarissa, or Charity Record.

Joseph, Benjamin, Moses and Daniel Merrill, all of Turner, Me., served in the war, 1775-7. (To be continued)



## WALLACEVILLE

## CEMETERY

Located on the Sylvester Losey farm in Section 5 of Dearborn Township, on the east side of Gulley Road between Ann Arbor Trail and Warren Roads.

This cemetery is in a rather run down condition with a great many of the stones on the ground and several of them are broken. The record contains the names of 90 burials and there are many more interred there without markers. At least 4 soldiers graves are in this cemetery.

Records copied Sept. 6, 1937 - by Mrs. Marjoria E. (Norris) Beavis, (B 5)

- ABBOTT, James, d. Jan. 30, 1877, ae. 77 yrs. 2 mo. 5 da.  
(stone broken and on the ground)  
Susan R., wife of James Abbott, d. Nov. 26, 1847,  
ae. 46 yrs. & 5 mo.  
(stone broken)  
Eddie C., son of A. G. & M. E. Abbott, d. Aug. 14, 1873;  
ae. 2 yrs. 11 mo. 22 da.  
(stone on the ground)
- BAEHR, Hattie L., dau. of Wm. & A. C. Baehr, d. Apr. 24, 1872,  
ae. 3 yrs. & 6 mo.  
Edwin G., son of Wm. & A. C. Baehr, d. Aug. 2, 1877,  
ae. 3 yrs.
- BEMIS, Bedura, d. May 5, 1878; ae. 59 yrs.  
(stone on the ground)
- BEMISS, Alexander, d. Mar. 19, 1857, ae. 56 yrs. 1 mo. 25 da.  
Sally, wife of Alexander Bemiss, d. Aug. 8, 1855;  
ae. 47 yrs. 8 mo. 16 da.  
(stone on the ground)  
Jonas, son of Alexander & Sally Bemiss, d. July 12, 1846;  
ae. 21 yrs. 6 mo. 13 da.  
Fanny, dau. of Alexander & Sally Bemiss, d. Oct. 12, 1855;  
ae. 19 yrs. 1 mo. 18 da.  
Joseph, b. Dec. 1, 1834; d. Mar. 20, 1904.  
Lydia, wife of Joseph Bemiss & dau. of Charles & Mary Losey,  
b. Sept. 20, 1839, d. July 1, 1886.  
Warner, son of J. & L. Bemiss, d. Aug. 10, 1873;  
ae. 6 yrs. 2 mo. 24 da.  
(stone on the ground)  
Elliot, son of J. & L. Bemiss, d. Aug. 6, 1855;  
ae. 2 mo. 4 da.  
Ivan A., infant son of W. J. & G. Bemiss  
(no dates given)
- BLUM, Caroline A., dau. of C. J. & H. M. Blum, d. Nov. 10, 1873;  
ae. 16 yrs. 1 mo. 26 da.  
(stone on the ground)
- CHENEY, Calvin R., d. Aug. 4, 1878, ae. 79 yrs. & 11 mo.  
(stone on the ground)  
Charlotte, wife of Calvin R. Cheney, d. July 12, 1888;  
ae. 91 yrs. 11 mo. 16 da.  
(stone on the ground)
- CLARK, Hannah H., wife of Eliphaz Clark, d. Nov. 2, 1854;  
ae. 62 yrs.
- COON, Hiram, d. Aug. 29, 1861; ae. 54 yrs.  
Julia, his wife, d. Aug. 31, 1884; ae. 75 yrs.

- DOOLITTLE, Rev. Ebenezer, b. Mar. 18, 1791; d. Sept. 5, 1865.  
 Nancy, wife of Rev. E. Doolittle, d. May 8, 1845;  
     ae. 55 yrs.  
     (stone on the ground)  
 Francis A., d. June 2, 1836; ae. 11 yrs. 11 mo. 3 da.  
 Cinderrilla E., wife of S. A. Doolittle, d. May 7, 1853;  
     ae. 24 yrs. 1 mo. 19 da.  
 Elsie F., dau. of S. A. & E. L. Doolittle, d. Aug. 12, 1855;  
     ae. 8 mo.  
 Infant, --- (no name or dates given).
- GILLOW, Lizzie, dau. of P. & E. Gillow, d. Jan. 25, 1882;  
     ae. 7 yrs.  
     (stone on the ground)
- HERRICK, Oliver, Co. D., 24th Mich. Inf.  
     (government marker)
- ISHAM, David, b. in Boston Feb. 9, 1766; d. Sept. 29, 1848;  
     ae. 82 yrs.
- JEUWETT, Thomas L., son of Robert & Calista Jewett, d. Sept. 29, 1855;  
     ae. 17 mo.
- LAWRENCE, Arthur W., d. October 8, 1865; ae. 2 yrs. 1 mo. 14 da.  
 Carl A., d. Nov. 26, 1871; ae. 11 yrs. 1 mo. 12 da.  
     Children of W. & D. Lawrence.  
     (stone on the ground)
- LONG, Clara M., dau. of J. C. and H. M. Long, d. Apr. 27, 1872;  
     ae. 4 yrs. 10 mo. 18 da.  
     (stone on the ground)
- LOSEY, Charles, 1798 - 1851. (b. Nov. 18, 1798; came from Covert,  
     Seneca County, N. Y.)  
 Mary Fisher, his wife, 1803 - 1897. (b. Feb. 5, 1803 in Amwell,  
     Hunterdon County, N. J. d. Jan. 7, 1899;  
     ae. 95 yrs. 11 mo. 2 da.)  
 Sylvester, son of Charles & Mary Losey, 1832 - 1907.  
     (b. Nov. 28, 1832 in Covert, Seneca Co., N. Y.  
     d. Feb. 6, 1907)  
 Amanda, wife of Sylvester, 1843 - 1867.  
 Charlotte, wife of Sylvester & dau. of Samuel & Harriette  
     Proctor, 1845 - 1895.  
 Squier, son of Sylvester, 1874 - 1876.  
 William, son of Charles & Mary, d. Jan. 29, 1885; ae. 55 yrs.  
     & 11 mo.  
 Maryette, wife of William, d. Oct. 28, 1876; ae. 42 yrs. & 4 mo.  
 Orrel M., dau. of W. & M. Losey, d. Apr. 24, 1876; ae. 1 yr.  
     5 mo. 4 da.
- MARSTON, Susan A., wife of Thomas M. Marston, d. Nov. 5, 1855;  
     ae. 34 yrs. 5 mo. 16 da.
- MAXWELL, Samuel Sr., d. Dec. 1, 1834; ae. 70 yrs.  
 Samuel Jr., d. Jan. 17, 1883; ae. 87 yrs. 9 mo. 15 da.  
 Mary Ward, wife of S. Maxwell Jr., d. July 10, 1849;  
     ae. 38 yrs. 4 mo. 27 da.  
 Mary Ann, d. July 2, 1839; ae. 8 yrs. & 8 mo. also of  
     her infant sister.
- McCLARY, Nancy, wife of David McClary, d. May 22, 1854; ae. 43 yrs.  
 Sarah, dau. of D. & N. McClary, d. Mar. 31, 1850;  
     ae. 13 mo. 11 da.  
     (To be continued)

## NOTES OF THE SOCIETY

## New Members

- B-15 Boyd, Mrs. Elbert E., 12467 Dresden Ave.
- B-14 Burnett, Mrs. Harry A., 18261 Hamilton Drive. - Un. 1-3381
- C-23 Cramton, Louis E., Box 190, Lapeer, Mich.
- D-10 Davison, Mrs. D.L. (Margaret Hyatt) 4846 Sturtevant Av., DA. 3409.
- D-9 Deer, Mrs. Irwin E. (Rosemary French) 1604 Hinman Ave., Evanston, Ill.
- G-7 Gordon, Arthur E. 719 Lawrence Ave. - TO. 7-0600.
- H-18 Hammerl, Mrs. Jacob (Leora B.) 11631 Pinehurst Ave., HO. 8557.
- H-17 Heller, Mrs. Blanche Benton, 2956 Lathrop Ave.
- L-9 Rochester Public Library, 115 South Ave., Rochester, N. Y.
- L-8 The Grosvenor Library, Franklin & Edward St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. Floyd A. Church recently visited both the Public and Jenks Libraries in Port Huron, Mich. The Public Library has many copies of St. Clair County Histories two Histories of Vermont and considerable on Wisconsin. The Jenks Collection, housed in the top floor of the Public Library, has very fine material on Port Huron and St. Clair County, as well as information not to be found elsewhere in Michigan. There are many township and census records.

The new type of ancestor charts, which are expected to be an improvement over the old, will be on sale at the December meeting.

We may expect an article at some future date on "Western Michigan Pioneers in Allegan County. Mrs. Pritchard of Grand Rapids has offered to write this for our Magazine, but probably not until after the Holidays.

A rare copy of the History of Fayette County Indiana, is the property of Miss Helen Ellis, who will be pleased to search for material for anyone interested in that section.

At the November Meeting, Mrs. J. Arthur Daniel told about a visit she and Mr. Daniel made recently through central and western Michigan in search of information concerning the history of the counties in which they were born. Much interest was shown by the Hannah McIntosh Cady Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Allegan and it is hoped that through their cooperation, a valuable contribution will be made to our records. Allegan County is one of the early settlements and its pioneers were of sturdy New England Stock.

A blueprint showing all owners of settling lots in the township of Adams, Berkshire County, Mass. has recently been acquired by Mrs. E. B. Kresge and she will be pleased to show this to anyone interested.

"Family Associations", their organization and interests were described by Mr. Elijah H. Owen and Mr. Macomb. These referred particularly to the Owen Family Association and the Association of Cooley Families.

There was an attendance of 79, at the November meeting, which included fourteen visitors.

Mr. J. E. Letson (L 5) informs us that he has records of the Cahoon and Doliver families of New England and Canada. Mr. Letson will be pleased to assist anyone desiring records of these families. The Society appreciates such cooperation, and thanks Mr. Letson for his generous offer.

Q U E R I E S

196 - B-6; BORDEN: When and where was Ezeriah Borden (1) born? His wife's name? He had a son Ezeriah (2) b. Conn. ab. 1775 who m. Sarah Tyler ab. 1800 and moved to Pulteney, Steuben Co., N. Y.

197 - G-6; BROWN: James Brown (1) d. 1832 Pulteney, Steuben Co., N. Y. Wanted place and date of birth, also wife's name. His son James (2) d. 1829 m. ab. 1812 Mary Dailey.

198 - G-6; EWING: Ann Ewing b. when and where? m. ab. 1765 William Torrence, resided five miles east of Gettysburg, Lancaster Co., Pa. Who were her parents?

199 - G-6; CORNER: Mary Corner (da. of Thomas) b. in Vermont, d. 1824 in Batavia, N. Y. m. 1st--Fleming, 2nd. Oliver Wilcox. Wanted: Date and place of her birth mother's name-, and father's birthplace.

200 - G-6; WILCOX: Oliver b. 1770 in Vermont? m. as his 2nd wife Mary Corner (Fleming), a widow who d. 1824. Resided in Batavia N. Y. Desire parentage, date, and place of his birth.

201 - G-6; PARMELEE: Sarah b. ab. 1764 in North Branford, Conn., m. 2-8-1784 Peter Tyler (Revolutionary soldier). Was Joseph Parmelee, who served in the Revolution, her father or brother? Who were her parents? In reference to transfer of property of Peter and Sarah Parmelee Tyler mention is made of "Our mother Sarah Russell."

202 - G-6; TORRENCE: Where was Aaron Torrence born? Wife's name? Lived in Lancaster Co. Pa. near Gettysburg from 1752 to 1765. He had a son William and a daughter Rebecca.

203 - S-12; GIBBS RHODES: What is the connection between these two families? The latter being from Syracuse, N. Y.

204 - S-12; GRIFFITH: Desire wife's name of Stephen Griffith Sr. He is said to be of the Cape Cod, Mass. family. How related? A son Stephen Jr. was b. 1784, and d. 3-3-1863 m. Mary Gardiner.

205 - S-12; GRIFFITH: Stephen Griffith Jr. b. 1784 d. 3-3-1863 m. Mary Gardiner (b. 10-30-1787, d. 2-1879). Wanted: Marriage date.

206 - S-12; SWITZER: Henry Switzer (1) b. 12-6-1744, d. 8-17-1813? m. Maria Neff (b. 7-17-1753, d. 9-6-1848?). A son Henry (2) b. 7-10-1778 at Readington, Hunterdon Co., N. J. Data desired: Date and place of marriage.

207 - S-12; SWITZER: Henry Switzer Jr. b. 7-10-1778 at Readington, Hunterdon Co., N. J. m. Elizabeth. Her surname???? (b. 3-25-1780 Amwell, Hunterdon Co., d. 2-8-1846 Bradford, Steuben Co., N. Y.

208 - S-12; VOORHIS: Sarah Voorhis d. 1813 m. ab. 1752 to Christopher Hoagland of Somerset Co., N. J. Desire: Parentage, and birth date - place.

209 - M-13; THERRIEN-LANDRY: Sophie Therrien-Landry b. 1838/41 Ste. Monique, Prov. of Quebec, d. 1915 m. 1854 Francois Dubois. Who were her parents? What is the meaning or reason of this hyphenated name? A da. Leonie m. George Arseneault of Trois Riviere, Prov. of Quebec.

210 - M 13; MC GLYNN-MC GLINE: Patrick b. ab. 1842 in Ireland (Co., Roscommon or Mayo) d. 6-19-1903 in Grand Rapids, Mich. m. 1st. Annie Devitt-2nd Delia Goff (Powers), a widow with three sons. He had four sons by his first wife who d. 1874. One son by the 2nd. wife namely: Charles C. m. Mary Cronin da. of Timothy Cronin and Margaret Fahey. Will be grateful for any information.

211 - M 13; MINEAULT: Laurance b. 1836 m. 1st. Louis Arseneault (b. Louiseville Quebec), 2nd Narcisse Grenier (a widower). 1863 resided at Trois Riviere, 1871-St. Etienne de Gras, Quebec. She had five ch. by 1st marriage and three by the second. Desire: Names of any ascendants, particularly her parents, also her birthplace.

212 - M 13; PERKINS: Who were the parents of Jane T. Perkins who m. 1st John G. Arnold, 2nd ??? Way, 3rd. ??? Lockwood? Resided near or in Prattsburg, Steuben Co., N. Y. ---1828 lived in Mahopac Falls, Carmel Township, N. Y. She had a sister Lois who m. Mr. ?? Cross. Their da. Polly Cross m. Ezekiel DeCamp.

213 - M 13; VOSS: Wanted: The parentage of Elizabeth Voss b. 1860 d. 1937. m. Joseph Hennecke (1) of Coblenz, Germany. Resided Hancock, and Lake Linden, Mich.

214 - H 12; HATHAWAY: Wants ancestry of Salmon Hathaway, d. Aug. 5, 1834 age 64. in Palmyra, N. Y., m. Charlotte Cheseborough in North Adams, Mass. ab. 1802.

215 - H 12; PALMER: Wants ancestry of Abigail Palmer b. 2-24-1775, Canterbury, Conn.; d. 3-25-1843 Lewiston, N. Y.; m. Rufus Spalding 4-23-1797.

216 - H-12; LEATHERS: Wants ancestry of Sarah (Sally) Leathers who m. 7-30-1752 Greenwood Carpenter in King's Chapel, Boston.

217 - H 12; YAW: Wants ancestry of Sarah Yaw b. 10-22-1767, m. Elisha Cheseborough 1-26-1787 in Adams, Mass.

218 - W-7; HAINES: Wants ancestry of Hannah Haines b. 11-21-1781, d. 1-21-1843. Resided-Boscawen Bath, N. H., and Summit (Hudson) Ohio.; m. 12-14-1803 Enoch Danforth (5), s. of Wm. and Olive (Elliott) Danforth.

219 - W-7; ELLIOTT: Wants ancestry of Olive Elliott b. 1748/50 d. 1838/40; m. 1-8-1772 Wm. Danforth (4). Resided in Boscawen, N. H.

220 - W 7; FLOOD: Ancestry, dates, references for: ??? Flood m. Wm. Danforth (3) s. of John and ??? Wm. b. 1708 lived in Newbury, Mass. and Boscawen, N. H.

221 - W 7; FLANDERS: Wants date of death of Ruth Flanders, da. of Jacob (3) and Mercy (Clough) Flanders. Ruth bp. 12-31-1727 m. John Elliot, died when?

222 - W-7; DARROW: Wants ancestry and marriage date of Sarah A. Darrow b. 7-19-1813 d. 10-29-1868. She m. Dr. Harrison Danforth (6). Resided St. Albans, Vt.

223 - W 7; THURLOW-THURLO: Wants ancestry and vital statistics of Sarah Thurlow m. 1679 Wm. Danforth (1), resided Ipswich and Newbury, Mass.

224 - W 7; SARGENT-SARGEANT: Wants birth-death date and ancestry of Eliza Sargent d. 1745, m. 1-18-1688 Corp. John Flanders (2). Resided: Salisbury, Mass.

225 - W 7; CLOUGH: Mercy Clough b. 3-17-1690, m. 9-27-1710 Jacob Flanders (3), s. of Corp. John (2) and Eliza (Sargent) Flanders. Resided: Salisbury, Mass. Data desired: Her ancestry. (Possibly, her father was John (2) Clough, s. of John (1)



who came to Watertown, in 1635, in the Elizabeth, with his wife Jane (f) If so, ancestry of her mother, Mercy Page, of Haverhill, Mass. desired.

226 - W-7; MEACH: Wants ancestry of Eunice Spicer Meach, da. of John and Susannah (Halstead) Meach. b. 12-31-1811; d. 10-1-1866 and m. 1827 to Major Isaac Hamlin. Resided: Clarence, Erie Co., N. Y. and Wayne Co., Ohio.

227 - W-7; BEALS; Wants ancestry and missing dates for Rebecca Beals b. 1759 m. 1-5-1780 David (6) Hamlin, s. of Isaac and Sarah (Shaw) Hamlin. Resided: Mass. and New York.

228 - W 7; DUNHAM: Wants parentage, birth-death date of Dorothy (f) m. 3-14-1641; John (2) Dunham, b. 1620 Leyden, Holland s. of John and Susanna (Kenney) Dunham Resided: Plymouth, Barnstable, Mass.

229 - W 7; DUNSTER: Dorothy Dunster b. 1629 d. 1650; m. 1635 George (1) Willard, of Scituate, Mass. Resided: - Yarmouth, and Scituate, Mass. She is said to have been a sister of Pres. Henry Dunster, of Harvard. "The Ancestry of Chauncey M. Depew", gives date of her b. "Dorothy, b. ab 1629, no further record." Is there proof of this Dorothy being the D. Dunster who m. Geo. Willard?

230 - W 7; CARR: David Carr and wife Ann (f), were the parents of Samuel Carr, b. 2-6-1749; d. 4-1-1820 m. 3-20-1773, Susanna Roots, b. 9-10-1749. Susanna was the da. of Amos (4) and Mercy (Martin) Roots, of Woodbury, Conn. Data desired: Ancestry of both dates; also for Samuel and Susanna.

231 - W 7; EDWARDS: Wants birth-marriage dates, also ancestry of Nathaniel Edwards and wife Margaret. Their da. Margaret b. 1737 m. 5-14-1762 Woolsey Scott, son of Stephen (3) Scott and Rebecca Woolsey.

#### A N S W E R S

26 - M 4, ADAMS: Mrs Helen F. Horton, 402 Green St., Dowagiac, Mich. has records of the Adams family who were related to President John Quincy Adams

29 - P 2, HAMMOND: H 15 will compare notes on this family

46 9 P 7, LEONARD: John, of Springfield, 1636, m. Nov 12, 1640 Sarah Heath (Heald Healy) There are discrepancies in the spelling various authorities differ. Contact A 3 for further information.

52 7 & 111, WHITE: See Mrs H. D. Pritchard, 231 Eastern Ave., S. E. Grand Rapids, Michigan

129 - W 5, BRYANT: Mrs H. M. Lathrop, 105 Beacon St. Black Rock, Bridgeport, Conn. has a line believed to be connected with William Cullen Bryant.

76 & 77 - L 6, MUNRO-TROWBRIDGE: Cyrus Munro b. Aug 18, 1800 was the son of Charles Munro and Fanele Trowbridge. For further information see M 13.

193 - M 13, HUNT: Refer to first Vol. of the Memorial History of Hartford, Conn. Ans. by O 1

170 - H 12, KEELER: Luke (s. of Phinias & Rebecca (Mead) Keeler) & Jemima Benedict of Norwalk Conn. had 6 ch. all born at Norwalk except the 4th who was b. at New Canaan, Conn. Lewis Elsie Ami Eri, Hannah Burrell H 8 Ans



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